

SENATE, November 22, 1864 — Read first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the calendar and printed.

[By Mr. HENRY, from Committee on Military Affairs.]

AN ACT

To amend An Act entitled "An Act to increase the efficiency of the army by employing free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17th, 1864.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America*
2 *do enact*, That the first section of said act be so amended as
3 to increase the compensation given to the free negroes and
4 other free persons of color named in said section to eighteen
5 dollars per month.

1 SEC. 2. That the second section of said act be so amended
2 as to authorize the Secretary of War to employ, for all the
3 purposes named in the first section of said act, forty thousand
4 slaves, instead of twenty thousand, as therein provided.

1 SEC. 3. That the third section of said act be so amended
2 as to authorize the Secretary of War to impress forty thou-
3 sand slaves in case he shall be unable to procure their ser-
4 vices or hire as therein provided.

1 SEC. 4. That the fourth section of said act be amended by

2 adding thereto, that after free negroes are impressed, in
3 making impressments of slaves, those not engaged in agri-
4 culture, manufacturing, and mechanical pursuits, shall be first
5 impressed, and in case there shall then be any deficiency,
6 further impressments of slaves shall be made by taking them
7 from those persons who have fifteen or more able-bodied field
8 hands between sixteen and fifty years of age.